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SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDERSECRETARY HABIB AND JCS CHAIRMAN BROWN
TO SEOUL

1. UNDERSECRETARY HABIB AND JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF CHAIRMAN GENERAL BROWN COMPLETED THEIR VISIT TO SEOUL AS SCHEDULED, MAY 24-27, 1977. DURING THE VISIT THEY MET TWICE WITH PRESIDENT PAK, ON MAY 25 AND 26, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND DEFENSE MINISTER. THE PARTY ATTENDED A DINNER IN THEIR HONOR BY PRIME MINISTER CHOE, AND LUNCHEONS BY THE FOREIGN AND DEFENSE MINISTERS FOR STATE AND DEFENSE REPRESENTATIVES, RESPECTIVELY. THERE WAS ALSO A RECEPTION BY AMBASSADOR SNEIDER, ATTENDED BY SOME 200 GUESTS, INCLUDING PERSONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, MILITARY SERVICES, ACADEMIC, PRESS AND BUSINESS WORLDS, AS WELL AS OPPOSITION LEADERS MR. HABIB ALSO MET PRIVATELY WITH VARIOUS OPPOSITION LEADERS (SEOUL 4456 NOTAL).

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2. IN ADDITION TO THE ARRIVAL STATEMENT ISSUED AS CONTAINED IN STATE 118022 (NOTAL), MR. HABIB AND GENERAL BROWN HELD A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE ON MAY 27 (TEXT OF REMARKS SENT SEPTTEL).

3. THE VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE ATTENTION FROM KOREAN MEDIA,

AND FROM KOREANS GENERALLY, MANY OF WHOM SOUGHT PRIVATE MEETINGS TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS. PRESS TREATMENT INDICATES THAT ROK LEADERS STRESSED THE NEED FOR DECIDING ON COMPENSATORY MILITARY AND DEPLOMATIC MEASURES, AND FOR CAREFUL STUDY OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, BEFORE IMPLEMENTING THE WITHDRAWAL, BUT DID NOT OPPOSED THE WITHDRAWAL PER SE. THE PRESS DOES CARRY ARTICLES ATTRIBUTED TO "SOURCES" WHICH INDICATE THE ROKG HAD OPPOSED WITHDRAWAL OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM KOREA, ADDING THAT "SOURCES IMPLIED THAT SEOUL MIGHT TELL WASHINGTON THAT IT WOULD BE FORCED TO DEVELOP ITS OWN NUCLEAR ARMS FOR NATIONAL SURVIVAL IN CASE THE AMERICAN NUCLEAR ARMS WERE TAKEN OUT."

4. PRESS AND PRIVATE COMMENTARIES TO DATE INDICATE SOME SATISFACTION THAT CONSULTATION AFFORDED ROKG A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS ITS VIEWS ON WITHDRALAL PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY TO HIGH-RANKING OFFICIAL WITH INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF KOREAN PROBLEMS AND WIDE PERSONAL ACQUANTANCE IN KOREAN SOCIETY. DEEP-SEATED ANXIETY REMAINS ON PART OF MANY WHO ARE MORE OUTSPOKEN THAN GOVERNMENT IN OPPOSING WITHDRAWAL. NONETHELESS, THE VISIT CLEARLY HAS HELPED MOVE THE KOREAN BODY POLITIC A STEP NEARER TO ACCEPTING THE IDEA AND CONCENTRATING ON COMPENSATORY MEASURES.

5. FULL PRESS WRAP-UP INCLUDING STORIES AND COMMENTARY ON FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE TO FOLLOW.
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